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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, SO, ET
SUBJECT: THE HORN: PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S VIEWS

REF: STATE 67847 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR MARCH 17, I WAS ALL SET TO BRIEF HIM ON THE SITUATION IN THE HORN AS PER REFTEL WHEN HE BEAT ME TO THE PUNCH ON THE SUBJECT. SENGHOR SAID THAT HE CONSIDERS THE UNITED STATES POSITION ON THE HORN TO BE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CORRECT, AND HE WANTED TO CONGRATULATE THE USG FOR ITS GOOD WORK.

2. I THEN GAVE SENGHOR THE LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF THE CONFLICT, AND MENTIONED THAT WE CONTINUED TO LOOK TO THE OAU MEDIATION COMMISSION TO
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PROMOTE A DURABLE AND JUST SETTLEMENT. SENGHOR REPLIED THAT HE AND PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH WANT TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION, AND THEY BOTH PLAN TO BE IN LAGOS FOR THE NEXT MEETING. SENGHOR SAID THAT THE COMMISSION MUST WORK WITH MENGISTU AND PERSUADE HIM TO MAKE GOOD ON HIS EARLIER PLEDGES TO GRANT SOME TYPE OF AUTONOMY TO THE OGADEN AND ERITREA. SENGHOR EXPRESSED

THE VIEW THAT HIS PERSONAL CREDIT WITH MEGISTU SHOULD BE GOOD BECAUSE OF HIS CONSISTENT STATEMENTS, BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, THAT THE SOMALIS WERE WRONG TO VIOLATE THE ETHIOPIAN BORDER.

3. I SUGGESTED THAT WITH THE END OF HOSTILITIES, AND WITH A POSSIBLE SOMALI PLEDGE TO RESPECT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ITS NEIGHBORS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE OAU COMMISSION TO CALL FOR A WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS. SENGHOR SAID HE AGREED, AND WOULD WORK TOWARD THAT END AT THE LAGOS MEETING.
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